



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 17, 2002

S. 691

An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing S. 691 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 691 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 691 would direct the Secretary of the Agriculture to convey, without consideration, about 24 acres of national forest system land within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to the Secretary of the Interior, to be taken into trust on behalf of the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California. According to the Forest Service, the lands to be conveyed currently generate no receipts and are not expected to over the next 10 years. The Secretary of Agriculture would retain an easement to provide for access to federal lands adjacent to those that would be conveyed. S. 691 outlines conditions for the tribe's use of the conveyed lands and specifies that ownership of the lands would revert back to the Secretary of Agriculture if the tribe violates those conditions.

On June 11, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 691 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 5, 2002. The two versions of the legislation are identical, and our cost estimates are the same.

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